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SUBJECT: NORWAY SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN ELECTION

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Norway has made Afghanistan one of its top international commitments, militarily and in humanitarian aid. The GON considers the Afghan election in 2009 to be a milestone in the development and consolidation of democracy in Afghanistan. Norway's current support for the elections includes;

-- 15 million kroner (approximately 2.5 million dollars) for voter registration.

-- Coordination of joint Nordic efforts in support of the elections, including efforts to build capacity among Afghan officials, encouraging more awareness on gender equality and its role in elections, and working on communication initiatives.

-- Norway's embassy is also actively involved in the coordination of international support done in Kabul.

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